



ASSUMPTION COLLEGE

CENTENNIAL COMMENCEMENT

SUNDAY, THE FOURTEENTH DAY OF MAY,
TWO THOUSAND SEVENTEEN

Order of Exercises

Academic Procession

Presiding

Francesco C. Cesareo, Ph.D., *President*

Master of Ceremonies

Louise Carroll Keeley, Ph.D., *Provost and Academic Vice President*

Invocation

Reverend Peter R. Precourt, A.A. '70, *Vice Chair, Board of Trustees*

National Anthem

Senior members of the Assumption College Chorale

Michelle Graveline, D.M.A., *Chorale Director and Professor of Music*

Welcome

Francesco C. Cesareo, Ph.D., *President*

Valedictory Address

Rachel Eva Avard, *Valedictorian*

Introduction of Speaker

Sonia Caron Nunes, *Salutatorian*

Commencement Address

John L. Allen Jr.

Honorary Degree Recipients

John L. Allen Jr., *presented by Francis J. Bedard, Esq. '81, Chair, Board of Trustees*

Mary Lou Jennings, *presented by Alison C. Kenary, member, Board of Trustees*

Roberta R. Schaefer, Ph.D., *presented by Michael D. Sleeper, member, Board of Trustees*

Presentation of Candidates for Degrees in Course

Louise Carroll Keeley, Ph.D., *Provost and Academic Vice President*

Bachelor of Arts Degrees

Eloise Knowlton, Ph.D., *Dean of Undergraduate Studies*

Jennifer Morrison, Ph.D., *Associate Dean for the First Year*

Continuing & Career Education Degrees

Kimberly A. Schandel, Ph.D., *Associate Provost*

Graduate Degrees

Kimberly A. Schandel, Ph.D., *Associate Provost*

Remarks from the Alumni Association President

Bob Knittle '85

Alma Mater

Assumption College Chorale and the Symphonic Brass Quartet

Michelle Graveline, D.M.A., *Chorale Director and Professor of Music*

Remarks and Benediction

The Most Reverend Robert J. McManus, S.T.D., HD'12, *Bishop of the Diocese of Worcester*

Recessional

John L. Allen Jr.

Commencement Speaker

Doctor of Humane Letters

John L. Allen Jr. has served for several years as the editor of *Cruix*, a publication providing news of the Vatican and Catholic Church. His knowledge of and talent for writing about the Vatican is admired across ideological divides and his weekly column, "All Things Catholic," is widely read as a source of insight on the global Church.

A senior Vatican analyst for CNN, Allen served as a *National Catholic Reporter* correspondent for 16 years. He has authored nine books about the Holy See and Catholic affairs and is a popular worldwide speaker about Catholicism. Among his books are *Opus Dei: An Objective Look Behind the Myths and Reality of the Most Controversial Force in the Catholic Church*, and two about Pope Benedict XVI. The first was written before Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger became pope; the other came after Benedict's election to the papacy and was the first biography of the Pope in English.

His articles have appeared in *The Boston Globe*, *The New York Times*, CNN, NPR, *The Tablet*, *Jesus*, *Second Opinion*, *The Nation*, the *Miami Herald*, *Die Furche*, and the *Irish Examiner*.

A native of Kansas, Allen received a bachelor's degree in philosophy from Fort Hays State University and an M.A. in religious studies from the University of Kansas. For several years, he taught journalism at Notre Dame High School in Sherman Oaks, California and also supervised the student-run newspaper, *The Knight*. He has received honorary doctorates from the Lewis University, St. Michael's College, the University of Dallas and the University of St. Michael's College in Toronto.

Mary Lou Jennings

Doctor of Humane Letters

Mary Lou Jennings serves as executive director of the Sister Thea Bowman Black Catholic Educational Foundation, a nonprofit organization that empowers African-Americans to pursue their dream of a college degree. The Foundation aims to “establish the means by which to rekindle and enliven the hope and the opportunities that Catholic schools can offer to black children.” Under Jennings’ stewardship, the Foundation has provided scholarship assistance to approximately 200 African-American students to attend a Catholic college or university, including some who have attended Assumption College. The Foundation also supports single mothers who are managing the demands of motherhood and college classes.

Jennings was raised in a family rooted in the spirit of giving back and assisting those in need. She began her career as a nurse in Florida before meeting Sister Thea in 1984. The two shared a passion for education and believed that a Catholic education provided a path out of poverty for African-Americans. Together they created a foundation that reflected that mission and ministry and would carry forward Sister Thea’s legacy. In addition to financial support, Jennings has maintained a relationship with many of the scholarship recipients, extending her warmth and care as a mentor and friend.

Jennings holds a B.S. in nursing from Georgetown University and a B.A. in French from Michigan State University. She also completed post-graduate studies in French from Michigan State, in spirituality and scripture from Fordham University and in theology and scripture from St. John’s University.

Roberta R. Schaefer, Ph.D.

Doctor of Law

For 28 years Roberta Schaefer, Ph.D. served as the founding executive director of the Worcester Regional Research Bureau, a center for information and expertise on public policy in Central Massachusetts. Under her direction the Bureau expanded from one person who studied city and town matters to a five-person operation examining pressing public policy issues throughout the region. During nearly three decades at the Bureau, the organization dedicated itself to informing the community, producing hundreds of reports and hosting hundreds of programs and forums on topics of interest to local residents.

In 2000, under Schaefer’s leadership, the Bureau created a citizen-informed government performance measurement program, which received widespread recognition for its citizen engagement and collaboration with the public sector, leading to measurable improvements in government performance. This led to the successful creation of a regional government performance measurement project initiated by the New England States Government Finance Officers Association.

The College has partnered with and supported the Bureau since its founding. Located on the Assumption campus in one of its buildings on Old English Road, many Assumption political science students have served the Bureau as interns.

Outside of her work with Bureau, from which she retired three years ago, Schaefer is an advocate for education. She previously served as an adjunct political science professor at Assumption and is a former member of the Massachusetts Board of Education (1996–2007). Schaefer has co-edited two books and authored numerous articles. She holds a bachelor’s degree from Queens College of the City University of New York and both a master’s degree and Ph.D. in political science from the University of Chicago.

Class of 2017 Academic Honors Recipients

Kelsey Brynne Adkins	Elementary Education
Rachel Caron Avar	Chemistry
Vincent Antonio Beaulieu	Management
Veronica Anna Beaupré	Actuarial Science
Caroline Marie Bercier	Political Science
Meredith Anne Bercier	Political Science
Shannon Elizabeth Campbell	Human Services and Rehabilitation Studies with a concentration in Communication Sciences and Disorders
Christopher Robert Cuzzupe	Liturgical Music
Fabiola Alejandra De Varona	Studio Art
Elizabeth Marie DiLoreto	Biology with concentration in Neuroscience & Behavior
Anna Shaffer doCurral	Psychology
Matthew Paul Donaghey	Computer Science
Andrew Joseph Donermeyer	Economics
Erin Brigid Dougherty	Graphic Design
Marela Del Carmen Firpi González	Foreign Languages
Elaine Johanna Ingalls	English, Writing & Mass Communications
Amber Lyn Kelley	Philosophy
Nicholas David Keyes	French
Christina M. Lambert	Sociology
Sarah Elizabeth Leary	Art History
Rebecca Lynne Levesque	Criminology
Franchesca Estefania McEnemy	Women's Studies
Kelse Bright Merrill	History
Sarah Elise Mombourquette	Music
Sarah Marie Moynihan	Classics with a concentration in Latin
Corinne Patricia Murphy	Theology
Matthew James Notaro	Global Studies
Sonia Eva Nunes	English Literature
Lauren Callie O'Connor	Biotechnology & Molecular Biology
Claudia Elizabeth Palencia	Spanish
Gabriela Orthuno Rosa	International Business
Joseph David Rose	Mathematics
Victoria Rose Russo	Human Services and Rehabilitation Studies
Marissa Gaudet Smith	Organizational Communication
Brigitta Marie Steinbacher	Marketing
Michaela Weiland Temple	Biology
Deanna Marie Cecilia Tortora	Psychology with a concentration in Brain, Behavior and Cognition
Buu Kim Tran	Accounting
Mary Elizabeth Williams	Secondary Education

Each spring, Assumption faculty, staff, administrators, religious and laypersons nominate students of outstanding character, academic accomplishment, and service to the community, for the Augustine Scholarship. Augustine Scholars best exemplify the realization of the College's mission: to cultivate young men and women known for critical intelligence, thoughtful citizenship and compassionate service. As such, the Augustine Scholarship is the premier award Assumption College grants, and is accompanied by a significant monetary award. The Class of 2017's **Augustine Scholars** are:

Rachel Avar	Anna DoCurral	Grace Levesque
Caroline Bercier	Amber Kelley	Jessica Wisniewski
Meredith Bercier	Christina Lambert	

Undergraduate College

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Ashley Jordan Abad, *History*

Yamrot Aberra, *Psychology*

Rahyana Assefa Abraha, *International Business*

Giovanni James Aceto, *International Business*

Kelsey Brynne Adkins, *Education; Mathematics; magna cum laude*

Amanda Metcalf Adreani, *Marketing*

Maya Kaur Ahluwalia,
Human Services and Rehabilitation Studies; cum laude

Dylan Robert Allen, *Biology*

Paul Andrew Amarone, *Political Science*

Megan Erin Anderson, *Human Services and Rehabilitation Studies*

Ivana Maria Andrews, *English, Writing & Mass Communications*

HP Rachel Caron Avard, *Chemistry; summa cum laude*

John Francis Aviza III, *Economics; Management*

Michelle Catherine Bach, *English; cum laude*

Aaron Robert Baillargeon,
Biotechnology & Molecular Biology; cum laude

Joshua Andrew Baker, *History*

Samantha Nicole Baldwin, *Psychology*

Nergis Baliskaj, *Economics with Business concentration*

Caroline Emma Mary Ball, *Political Science*

Madison Fitzgerald Barnwell, *International Business*

Sarmad Hethem Barrak, *Computer Science*

Anthony Michael Barry, *Management*

Samantha Lynn Barry, *Psychology*

George Edward Battle, *Management*

HP Kathryn Rose Bauer,
English, Writing & Mass Communications; cum laude

Vincent Antonio Beaulieu, *Management; magna cum laude*

HP Veronica Anne Beaupré, *Actuarial Science; summa cum laude*

Anthony Elijah Bell-Rodriguez, *Marketing*

Robert Michael Benjamin III, *Biology; magna cum laude*

Christiana Elisabeth Cecilia Benoit,
Human Services and Rehabilitation Studies

Andrew Forrest Benson, *Management*

HP Caroline Marie Bercier, *Political Science; summa cum laude*

HP Meredith Anne Bercier, *Political Science; summa cum laude*

Muhammad Kamaluddin Bey *, *Management*

Sara Costa Blackwood, *Psychology*

Alexander Robert Blaszczyk, *Criminology*

Bakari Casey Blunt, *Organizational Communication*

Terrance Anthony Bobb-Jones, *Marketing*

Conor Henry Bogue, *Criminology; Sociology*

Aaron Michael Bohn, *Biotechnology & Molecular Biology*

Mary Bonney Boulton, *Education; Mathematics*

Jessica Rose Bowse, *Psychology*

Thomas Patrick Brengel, *Marketing*

HP Lauren Nicole Bretanha, *Psychology; magna cum laude*

Marielle R. Brito *, *Organizational Communication*

Thomas John Brooks, *Organizational Communication*

Frank Bruno, *English, Writing & Mass Communications*

Kodey William Bryce, *Management*

Derek Christopher Buckley, *International Business*

Alexandra Patricia Butler, *Education; History*

Darnell Sean Butler Jr., *Human Services and Rehabilitation Studies*

Jacob Joseph Byrne, *Management; Marketing*

Celina Marie Cabezas, *Human Services and Rehabilitation Studies*

Caroline Mary Cady, *Human Services and Rehabilitation Studies*

YunXuan Cai *, *Psychology*

HP Shannon Elizabeth Campbell,
Human Services and Rehabilitation Studies; summa cum laude

Kristen Nichole Carbone,
Human Services and Rehabilitation Studies

Michael Joseph Carchedi, *Marketing*

Kelly Marguerite Carey, *Marketing*

Jarrold Arthur Casey, *Accounting*

Matthew Patrick Casey, *Management; cum laude*

Yamilee Pamela Casimir, *Political Science*

- Timothy Francis Cassels, *Accounting; Economics; cum laude*
- Alexandra Mary Cesare, *English, Writing & Mass Communications*
- Carolyn Rae Chaplin, *Human Services and Rehabilitation Studies*
- David Christopher Chen, *Graphic Design*
- Meryl Corinne Cheney, *Marketing; cum laude*
- Jaclyn Marie Chirco, *Marketing; cum laude*
- Katelyn Marie Christiansen, *Biotechnology & Molecular Biology*
- Ashley Rose Clark, *Human Services and Rehabilitation Studies*
- Salma Elizabeth Clark, *Management*
- Annah Rose Coddington, *Education; English; cum laude*
- Jermichael Ramon Coffin, *Actuarial Science; Mathematics*
- Michael Joseph Coggeshall *, *Organizational Communication*
- Cassidy Susan Colby, *English, Writing & Mass Communications*
- Nicholas Anthony Commesso, *History*
- Alexander James Conway, *Graphic Design*
- Patrick Leighton Coombs, *Management*
- Andrew James Cooney, *Accounting*
- Nicole Olivia Corbo *, *Philosophy; Political Science*
- Patrick Joseph Corcoran, *Education; History*
- Alisia H. Cosenza *, *Human Services and Rehabilitation Studies*
- Rachel Isabel Cowen, *Education; Mathematics; magna cum laude*
- Justin Michael Cravedi, *Criminology*
- Megan Elizabeth Crimmins, *Education; English*
- Micah Donald Cummins,
Human Services and Rehabilitation Studies
- HP Casey Marie Curran,
Human Services and Rehabilitation Studies; magna cum laude
- Kayla Bridget Curran, *Human Services and Rehabilitation Studies*
- HP Christopher Robert Cuzzupe,
Computer Science; Liturgical Music; cum laude
- Michael C. Daly, *Management*
- R. Barron Dandridge, *Management*
- Caroline Grace Davidson, *English*
- Liam Morgan Davies, *International Business*
- Alexandra Lee Davis, *Accounting; Marketing*
- Carissa H. DeAmaral, *Human Services and Rehabilitation Studies*
- Dwight John DeGeorge Jr., *Biology*
- Ryan Peter Del Mastro, *Philosophy; Political Science*
- Linda Marie DeRita, *Management*
- HP Fabiola Alejandra De Varona, *Biology with concentration in Neuroscience & Behavior; magna cum laude*
- Sarandon N. Dias, *Marketing*
- HP Elizabeth Marie DiLoreto, *Biology with concentration in Neuroscience & Behavior; magna cum laude*
- Jamie Elizabeth DiMarino,
Human Services and Rehabilitation Studies
- Samantha Redmond DiMauro, *Graphic Design; Italian*
- Jason Edward DiNicola, *Marketing*
- HP Anna Shaffer doCurren, *Human Services and Rehabilitation Studies; Psychology; summa cum laude*
- Matthew Paul Donaghey, *Computer Science; cum laude*
- Andrew Joseph Donermeyer, *Economics; magna cum laude*
- Emily Marie Dooley,
Human Services and Rehabilitation Studies; Psychology
- Dylan McKenzie Dopson, *Economics*
- Erin Brigid Dougherty, *Graphic Design; Marketing; cum laude*
- Alexandra Cristina Doyle, *Psychology*
- HP Michael Anthony Doyle,
Biotechnology & Molecular Biology; cum laude
- Michael John Doyon, *Biology*
- Jack Norman Drapeau, *Marketing*
- Jonathan Duarte *, *Mathematics*
- Annie Elizabeth Dunn, *Education; English; cum laude*
- Ryan John Durand, *Biology*
- Elizabeth Lynn Eastwood, *Management*
- Meagan Marie Eccleston, *Marketing*
- Kathleen Mary Engdahl, *Marketing; cum laude*
- Grant Edward Farr, *Marketing*
- Kaitlin Rose Fauller, *Organizational Communication*
- Nicholas Matthew Fenuccio,
English, Writing & Mass Communications
- Marela Del Carmen Firpi González, *Italian; Psychology*
- Steven James Foertsch, *History; Sociology*
- Rebecca Ann Fondakowski, *Psychology*
- Dylan Micheal Forss, *Psychology*

- Molly Marie Frazier, *Political Science*
- Madison Alaia Fucci, *Biology*
- Rachel Jean Gagnon, *Mathematics*
- Elizabeth Jayne Gajewski, *Accounting; magna cum laude*
- David Michael Gazzola, *Biology*
- Jessica Lauren Genatossio, *Organizational Communication*
- John Robert Giacoppe, *Marketing*
- Michael Anthony Giampietro, *Biology*
- Benjamin Cardinal Gibbons, *Political Science*
- Kayla Troy Gibney *, *Human Services and Rehabilitation Studies*
- Austin Edward Giese, *Political Science; magna cum laude*
- Matthew Thomas Gilson, *Biology*
- Joseph William Giroux,
Human Services and Rehabilitation Studies
- Aleksa Gollosi, *Psychology*
- Anthony Joseph Goonan, *Criminology*
- Omar Alberto Graciano, *Accounting*
- Micaela Carol Grogan,
Human Services and Rehabilitation Studies
- John Joseph Guerra, *Political Science*
- Lauren Catherine Hagen,
Human Services and Rehabilitation Studies
- Morgan Ilana Hakala,
English, Writing & Mass Communications; cum laude
- Emma Kathleen Hall, *Accounting*
- Katherine Emily Hall, *Education; Mathematics*
- Emily Jane Hanlon, *Human Services and Rehabilitation Studies*
- HP Alan Yong Harrington, *Accounting; Management; cum laude*
- Angel Nsenga Harris, *Criminology; Studio Art*
- Audra Lisa Harris, *Human Services and Rehabilitation Studies*
- Nicole Elizabeth Harvey, *Organizational Communication*
- Khalif Que Hashim, *English, Writing & Mass Communications*
- Laura Elizabeth Hazel, *Education; English*
- Valeria Jean Healy, *Accounting*
- Brooke Elizabeth Herbst, *Psychology*
- Jessica Marie Hernandez, *Biology*
- Amanda Marie Higgins, *Psychology*
- HP Emily Jorie Hill, *Biology; cum laude*
- Daniel Patrick Hoffer *, *Organizational Communication*
- Jeffrey Dean Hoyt, *Mathematics*
- Shayla Marguerite Hubbard, *Marketing; cum laude*
- Douglas Paul Hunt Jr., *Marketing*
- HP Kathleen Mariah Hurley, *Marketing; cum laude*
- Jillian Elise Iacobone, *Education; English*
- Johanna Marie Impellizeri, *Biotechnology & Molecular Biology*
- HP Elaine Johanna Ingalls,
English, Writing & Mass Communications; cum laude
- Michelle Maria Insignares,
Biology; Human Services and Rehabilitation Studies
- Sandra Elizabeth Isiminger, *Biology; Education*
- Thomas Christopher James,
Actuarial Science; Mathematics; magna cum laude
- Jorgo Jani, *Accounting*
- Timothy James Jensen, *Economics*
- McKenzie Taylor Johnson, *Marketing*
- Korey Serhij Kajko, *Criminology*
- Christine Ha Kang, *Marketing*
- Krystal Rose Kearns, *Psychology*
- Claire Marie Keating,
Human Services and Rehabilitation Studies; Spanish; cum laude
- Amber Lyn Kelley, *Philosophy; summa cum laude*
- Nicholas David Keyes,
English, Writing & Mass Communications; French
- Nyree Lori Khojian, *Accounting; cum laude*
- Allison Richards Kilkenny,
Human Services and Rehabilitation Studies
- Erin Margaret Killeen, *Spanish; cum laude*
- Leah Elizabeth Kirk, *Art History; magna cum laude*
- Thomas John Knight, *Management*
- Kathleen Hunter Knox, *Education; English; magna cum laude*
- Andrea Taylor Koslowski,
Biology with concentration in Neuroscience & Behavior
- Mikel Kota *, *Computer Science*
- Emily Paige Kuzma, *Biotechnology & Molecular Biology*
- Erin Jeanne Lacasse, *Psychology*

- Alexis Skye Ladner *, *Human Services and Rehabilitation Studies*
- Cynthia LaFalaize, *Psychology*
- Christina M. Lambert, *Philosophy; Sociology; magna cum laude*
- Rachel Nicole Lanam, *Organizational Communication*
- Lauren Nicole Landers, *Management*
- Kaitlyn Jeanne Landry *, *Biology*
- Cedric Larsen, *Criminology*
- Holly Lynn Lawson, *Psychology*
- Sarah Elizabeth Leary, *Art History; cum laude*
- Bryan M. Leasot *, *Computer Science*
- Catherine Marie LeClerc, *Management; magna cum laude*
- Patricia Marie Lee, *Organizational Communication*
- Grace Elizabeth Lellman, *Psychology*
- Jeffrey Joseph Letourneau, *Political Science*
- Marco Ho Tin Leung, *Economics; International Business*
- Grace Anna Kim Levesque,
Global Studies; Political Science; magna cum laude
- Rebecca Lynne Levesque, *Criminology; History; cum laude*
- Adam Joseph Lewis,
English, Writing & Mass Communications; cum laude
- Kelsey Elizabeth Lewis, *Management*
- Joy Teixeira Lima, *Chemistry*
- Ryan Keith Litchfield,
Human Services and Rehabilitation Studies; cum laude
- James La'Roy Logan Jr., *Organizational Communication*
- Anthony Scott Lorusso, *Accounting*
- Meghan Elizabeth Lotti, *Political Science*
- Jessica Louine, *Economics*
- Jasmine May Lumasag, *Biology*
- Kevon Andrew Lumsden, *Mathematics*
- Marina Ann Lundstrom, *Actuarial Science; magna cum laude*
- HP Emma Louise Machado,
Biotechnology & Molecular Biology; Mathematics; magna cum laude
- Kaitlin Michelle Maddock,
Human Services and Rehabilitation Studies
- Alexis Nicole Maggi, *Organizational Communication*
- Kimberly Braica Malmborg,
Human Services and Rehabilitation Studies
- Samuel C. Manfred, *International Business*
- Anthony John Manzi, *Human Services and Rehabilitation Studies*
- HP Santina Lynn Marinelli,
Human Services and Rehabilitation Studies; magna cum laude
- Donald Joseph Maroney *, *Marketing*
- Nicole Marie Marshall, *Management*
- Caila Rose Martin,
Classics; Psychology with concentration in Brain, Behavior & Cognition
- Riley Kathleen Martin, *Education; History*
- Ryan Douglas Masnyk, *Sociology*
- Marielena Layuno Matos, *Biology; summa cum laude*
- Griffin Michael Matthews, *Management*
- Elizabeth Emily McAleese, *Organizational Communication*
- James P. McCafferty, *Marketing*
- Shane F. McCormack, *Marketing; cum laude*
- Conor Francis McCourt *, *Sociology*
- Jennifer Marie McDonald, *Management*
- Laura Elizabeth McGrail,
Human Services and Rehabilitation Studies
- Brendan J. McLaughlin, *Human Services and Rehabilitation Studies*
- Edward J. McMahon IV, *English, Writing & Mass Communications*
- Francesca Estefania McMenemy,
Political Science; Women's Studies
- Thomas Joseph McNicholas *, *Actuarial Science; Mathematics*
- Justin Mejia, *Marketing*
- Stephen Michael Melaragni Jr., *English*
- Steven Mendoza Jr., *Economics; Political Science*
- Kelse Bright Merrill, *History; cum laude*
- Christopher John Miglizzo, *Political Science*
- Matthew Joseph Miller *, *History; Music*
- William James Mitchell, *Marketing*
- Mariah Rose Mitchell-LaBrie, *Management*
- Cassandra Rose Mizzoni, *Education; English*
- Layal Moufid Mohammad *,
Human Services and Rehabilitation Studies
- Sarah Elise Mombourquette, *Music; Psychology; cum laude*
- HP Mallory Ann Monaco, *Mathematics; cum laude*

- Autumn Suzanne Mongeon,
Human Services and Rehabilitation Studies; magna cum laude
- Tayla Sue Morais, *Human Services and Rehabilitation Studies*
- Andrew Robert Morgera, *Marketing; Psychology*
- Ryan Leonard Morgis, *Accounting*
- Jayne Elizabeth Morin, *Management*
- Ethan Keita Morrow *, *History*
- Sarah Marie Moynihan, *Classics*
- Christine Elizabeth Mulvey, *Psychology*
- Corinne Patricia Murphy,
Human Services and Rehabilitation Studies; Theology; magna cum laude
- Harrison James Murphy, *History*
- Kevin Davis Murphy, *Marketing; cum laude*
- Marcus Jamal Murray, *Marketing*
- Lina Hong Nguyen, *Environmental Science*
- Minh Tri Nguyen, *Biotechnology & Molecular Biology*
- Tuan Quoc Nguyen, *Biotechnology & Molecular Biology*
- Matthew James Notaro, *Economics; Global Studies; magna cum laude*
- Johanna Elizabeth Novak, *History*
- Sonia Eva Nunes, *English; summa cum laude*
- Morgan E. O'Brien, *Marketing*
- Emma Eileen O'Connell, *Education; English*
- HP Lauren Callie O'Connor, *Biology with concentration in Neuroscience
& Behavior; Biotechnology & Molecular Biology; magna cum laude*
- Benjamin Thomas O'Donnell, *Criminology*
- Courtney Nicole Oliva, *Biology; Education; cum laude*
- Deborah Oliveira, *Marketing*
- Sarah Michelle Olson, *Education; Mathematics*
- Evan Dalton O'Neil, *Organizational Communication*
- Jonathan Burke O'Neil, *Psychology*
- Jennifer Marie O'Neill,
Human Services and Rehabilitation Studies; cum laude
- Kathleen Elizabeth O'Neill, *Accounting*
- Thomas Edward Orsatti, *Marketing*
- Edward James Ouano, *Art History; History*
- Trevon Lee Owens, *English, Writing & Mass Communications*
- Claudia Elizabeth Palencia, *Education; Spanish; cum laude*
- Mackenzie Mae Papuga, *History*
- Alexander John Parker, *International Business*
- Kateryna Elizabeth Pendleton,
Human Services and Rehabilitation Studies
- Ashley Elizabeth Pereira, *Education; English; cum laude*
- Luis Armando Perez, *Criminology*
- Ashlynn Taylor Petersen,
Human Services and Rehabilitation Studies; cum laude
- Angela Marie Petrella,
Human Services and Rehabilitation Studies; Psychology
- Derek Connor Pettinelli,
English, Writing & Mass Communications; Political Science; cum laude
- Matthew Sanford Petty, *Economics*
- HP Stephen Joseph Picard, *Economics; magna cum laude*
- Kelsey Nicole Pietruska, *Marketing*
- Bradley James Pomerleau, *Management*
- HP Lauren Maria Price, *Human Services and Rehabilitation Studies;
Psychology; magna cum laude*
- Gianna Elizabeth Procaccini, *Biology*
- Kristina Lynn Pulaski, *Management*
- Alyssa Marie Quigley, *Biology*
- Jacqueline Jean Raftery, *Human Services and Rehabilitation Studies*
- Kibaba Rashidi *, *French; International Business*
- Abdul Manan Rauf, *International Business*
- Charles Michael Reid, *Marketing*
- Darcy Morgan Relihan, *Marketing*
- Rebecca Janet Rengucci-Cully, *Psychology*
- Hannah Rae Riley, *Accounting*
- Meagan Cathleen Riley, *Psychology; magna cum laude*
- Jennifer Rios, *Biology*
- Sabrina Joy Robbins, *Psychology*
- Evie Samantha Rodgers, *Marketing*
- Gabriela Ortunho Rosa, *International Business; cum laude*
- Troy Robert Rossi, *Management*
- Jordan M. Russo, *Education; History*
- Victoria Rose Russo,
Human Services and Rehabilitation Studies; magna cum laude
- John Patrick Ryan *, *Marketing*

- Joseph John Sabat, *Chemistry*
- Andrew Caissie St. Germain, *Accounting*
- Brigid Caulfield Sandstrum, *Art History; Italian*
- Kyle James Santoro, *History*
- Ann Marie Sawyer, *Classics; Global Studies*
- Gwendelyn Estelle Sawyer, *Political Science*
- Zachary Richard Scafati, *Economics*
- Arianna Rose Scarborough, *Education; History; cum laude*
- Lynsey Theresa Schafer,
Human Services and Rehabilitation Studies
- Cassandra Beatrice Schultz, *Management; cum laude*
- Jurnee Naomi Serating-Ware, *Management; cum laude*
- Peter Gerard Serencsics II *,
Economics with Business concentration
- Kiara E. Serret, *International Business*
- Kathryn Joann Severance,
English, Writing & Mass Communications; cum laude
- Nolan James Seward, *History*
- Alexander Lincourt Shain,
Economics with Business concentration; cum laude
- Madison Leigh Shropshire,
Human Services and Rehabilitation Studies; cum laude
- HP Zachary James Slepchuk, *Biology; cum laude*
- Joseph Thomas Sliney *, *English, Writing & Mass Communications*
- Zachary Charles Small, *English, Writing & Mass Communications*
- Colin Andrew Smith, *Accounting*
- Kayla Anne Smith, *Economics; cum laude*
- Marissa Gaudet Smith,
Organizational Communication; magna cum laude
- Samantha Marie Smith, *Human Services and Rehabilitation Studies*
- Héctor A. Solá Morlá, *Accounting; cum laude*
- Declan Soukup, *Management*
- Emily Catherine Sousa, *Human Services and Rehabilitation Studies*
- Michael Timothy Stanton, *Organizational Communication*
- Brigitta Marie Steinbacher, *Marketing; cum laude*
- Brittany Rose Stewart,
Human Services and Rehabilitation Studies; Psychology
- Allison Robin Stoddard, *Human Services and Rehabilitation Studies*
- Jaclyn Anne Storey, *Political Science*
- Jenna Rose Stringfellow, *Accounting*
- Robert Patrick Sugrue Jr., *Management*
- Erin Kathleen Sullivan, *Human Services and Rehabilitation Studies; Psychology; magna cum laude*
- Jack D. Sullivan, *Biotechnology & Molecular Biology; cum laude*
- Meghan Elizabeth Sullivan, *Education; English*
- Zachary Tyler Sullivan, *Philosophy; Political Science*
- Rheannon Kathleen Swire,
Human Services and Rehabilitation Studies
- Zachary Joseph Szymkowicz, *History; Political Science*
- Tyra Kimberly Talbot, *Economics*
- Michaela Weiland Temple, *Biology with concentration in Neuroscience & Behavior; summa cum laude*
- Noella E. Teylan-Cashman, *Psychology; magna cum laude*
- Shaquel Monique Tolson,
Human Services and Rehabilitation Studies
- Jaclyn Marie Tomasello, *Human Services and Rehabilitation Studies*
- Karina I. Torres Crespo, *Biotechnology & Molecular Biology*
- HP Deanna Marie Cecilia Tortora,
Psychology with concentration in Brain, Behavior & Cognition; cum laude
- Ashley Joleen Tourgee, *Accounting*
- Natalie Rose Trainor, *Organizational Communication*
- Buu Kim Tran, *Accounting; magna cum laude*
- Timothy Ngo Tran, *Management*
- Tara Marion Trapani, *Human Services and Rehabilitation Studies*
- Tammy Jean Turner, *Marketing*
- Nicholas Anthony Valenti, *Organizational Communication*
- Tanyalak Vattanasil, *Mathematics; cum laude*
- Kassiana Elizabeth Viaud, *Marketing*
- Katrina Elizabeth Viaud,
Human Services and Rehabilitation Studies
- Modeleecy Joy Villafane, *Criminology*
- Alexander Adam Vincellette, *Sociology*
- Desiree L. Vinson *, *Human Services and Rehabilitation Studies*
- Jeremy Vincent Virga, *Economics; Political Science; cum laude*
- Madeline Helen Vitale, *Biology*
- Phanxico Xavier Vo, *Biotechnology & Molecular Biology; cum laude*

Autumn Lynn Walczak, *Criminology; Sociology*

Diana Joan Waterman,
Biology with concentration in Neuroscience & Behavior

Christopher Martin Waung,
Accounting; Economics; magna cum laude

Aryana Alize Wazar,
Psychology with concentration in Brain, Behavior & Cognition

Jacqueline Marie Weiler, *Education; English*

Matthew Michael Wessenberg, *Management*

Kelsey Jean Wheeler, *Biology*

Alyssa Marie Whitney, *Human Services and Rehabilitation Studies*

Quincy Paige Wilkins, *Human Services and Rehabilitation Studies*

Danielle Lynn Willett, *Human Services and Rehabilitation Studies*

Charles Edward Williams III *, *Organizational Communications*

Mary Elizabeth Williams, *Education; History; cum laude*

Jessica Ann Wisniewski, *Chemistry; Music; cum laude*

Timothy Alan Wood *, *Psychology*

Alexandra Lee Wuerfl, *Education; Mathematics*

Megan Elizabeth Wyckoff,
Human Services and Rehabilitation Studies; magna cum laude

Thomas Arnold Wynne, *English, Writing & Mass Communications*

Qiling Xu, *Biotechnology & Molecular Biology*

Karl Matthew Ziegler, *Criminology*

Jakob Roy Zylak, *Human Services and Rehabilitation Studies*

summa cum laude - gold cord

magna cum laude - blue cord

cum laude - white cord

HP - Honors Program certificate recipient

FG - Honors certificate in Fortin and Gonthier Foundations of Western Civilization

* - degree in progress

The Valedictorian and Salutatorian are chosen by a selection committee representing the faculty, administration, the Senior Class and the Dean of Undergraduate Studies from among the students fulfilling the criteria for a *summa cum laude* Bachelor of Arts degree in the undergraduate day college. In evaluating candidates for these awards, the selection committee reviews academic records and contributions to the community, and interviews candidates in order to select the recipients of the College's highest graduation honors.

This listing of candidates for degrees is accurate as of 10:00 a.m. on Friday, May 12, 2017. This is not an official document of Assumption College.

Continuing and Career Education

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN HUMANITIES

ASL Michael D. Barros; *summa cum laude*
ASL Shamus S. Mahan; *summa cum laude*
Tara Mooney; *magna cum laude*
Kaitlyn Mary Saucier; *cum laude*

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN HUMAN SERVICES AND REHABILITATION STUDIES

Sarah E. Dayutis-Diaz; *cum laude*
Margaret Mary Dougherty; *cum laude*
ASL Michael P. Gianino; *summa cum laude*
Edward Wayne Gresham
Krista L. Guzman
MassamaEso A. Kpiki-Dao; *summa cum laude*
Alicia M. Kranich; *summa cum laude*
Mariel Natalie Montañez
Neka A. Morgan-Middleton
Nicholas M. Mucciarone *
Ricardo F. Pina
Samantha D. Russo; *cum laude*
Candi L. Sisterhenm; *cum laude*
Lindsay R. Stanley; *cum laude*
Marjorie Anne Zwicker

BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Kim Baker*
Angela R. Da Silva; *cum laude*
Mindy A. Dulude
Katherine Kibler; *magna cum laude*
Elizabeth Leone
ASL Elizabeth M. Matson; *magna cum laude*
Felix Montanez; *magna cum laude*
Yessenia Paulino
America G. Rodriguez; *cum laude*
ASL Victor Rodriguez; *magna cum laude*
Mary F. Turner; *magna cum laude*
Helen Bures Urbanovitch; *magna cum laude*
ASL Constantine P. Vangos; *summa cum laude*

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN SOCIAL SCIENCES

Chineye F. Agonmoh
John Alexander; *cum laude*
Janet M. Alfaro
Kellie Elaine Ames
Sara Arroyo-O'Brien; *magna cum laude*
Claribel Beltré-McLaughlin; *cum laude*
Christopher J. Blanchette; *cum laude*
ASL Tara M. Goodrich; *summa cum laude*
Athena Marie Kanarian; *cum laude*
ASL Gina Kennedy; *summa cum laude*
Sophine L. Lever; *cum laude*
Bridget P. Merrill; *summa cum laude*
Lainie E. Petrou; *magna cum laude*
ASL Erica L. Quinlivan; *summa cum laude*
Sarah A. Reilly; *magna cum laude*
Kara Michelle White
Peter R. Zagabe *
Pharah Zenon

ASSOCIATE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Michelle M. Esposito

ASL - members of Alpha Sigma Lambda, the National Honor Society for Continuing Education and Lifelong Learning

* - degree in progress

Graduate Studies

MASTER OF ARTS

CLINICAL COUNSELING PSYCHOLOGY

Zachary J. Aggott
Matilda Mac-Garet Aning-Dei
Jocelyn L. Caldwell
Rachel Michelle Gostkowski
Paige I. Hartmann
Mary F. Johnston
Kate C. Lyons
Jared D. Manteuffel
Anjali Lynne Maticke
Heather B. McGregor
Brittany L. Miskell
Anarghya Nirbail
Katherine Elizabeth Schmidt
Jonathan M. Scully
Colleen F. Shea
Emily K. Snow-Bebas
Carley A. Soule
Amanda Marie Turnbull
Michael A. Visconti
Jillian Zingarelli

COUNSELING PSYCHOLOGY

Almaas Raziuddin

REHABILITATION COUNSELING

Rosemary A. Adu
Kristyn M. Anderson
Steve Mac-Garet Aning-Dei
Shelby J. Archer
Holly M. Armann
Charlotte V. Backhaus
Sarah Beth Bailey
Katherine Mary Bakhuizen
Stephen W. Berdos
Kelly E. Blake
Jessica Laurie Brennan
Nathan D. Brodeur
Andrea Lee Burnette
Kassandra Ann Carefoot
Martha Cecilia Castro-Walker
Hiliary L. Cutress
Kristine Keary Dervin
Daniel P. Heath
Erica R. Huskey
Avoresha A. Jordine
Enoch Kusi Kyeremateng
Sarah J. Loizeaux
Patricia Anne Malone
Carl W. Murphy
Taylin M. O'Coin
Shelby L. Reed
Patricia A. Roberts
Michelle A. Talbert
Catherine A. Trapani
Marionye Karly Vieux
Talisa L. Warren
Rachel A. Wheeler

SCHOOL COUNSELING

Courtney B. Allen
Cari A. Baker
Kelsey J. Churchill
Amy Elizabeth Curran
Rebecca M. Curry
Kelsey Margot DeGiacomo
Giovanna Giosa
Thomas W. Grady
Kristin Elisabeth Hesse
Alicia R. Heymann
Anthony D. Kissell
Katherine Ann Lizotte
Mark A. Mastandrea
Kelsey A. McCarthy
Sarah E. McElroy
Samantha R. Merrill
Michelle E. Nolan
Lyndsey M. O'Neil
Lauren Elizabeth Robillard
Joshua M. Wheeler

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Angela M. Carabba
Kristen M. Coyle
Kyle D. Flanagan
Tiffani Marie Grillo
Erin Maureen Kearney
Justine R. MacKinnon
Andrew C. Moran
Amanda M. Souza
Ryan Spiess

Graduate Studies

MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Eric S. Apgar
Eric B. Atta-Ansah
Matthew J. Bailey
Michael R. Bazinet
Adam C. Bourque
Matthew W. Bringham
Jessica Lynn Brosnihan
Peter P. Bui
Besnik Bytyqi
Alexandria S. Carenzo
Alexandra Mae Carlson
Makayla Rae Carpenter
Shanell Cartagena Núñez
Anna J. Cody
Brandon H. Cole
Ibrahim Comara
Danielle Marie Copper
Brian James Cosimi
Andrea Gisele Crowley
Ariana Nicole Dello Stritto
Enkeled Doku
Paul M. Driscoll
Michelle L. Fanelli
Lorena Fernandes Oliveira
Joanne M. Ferullo
Sarah M. Fiorillo
Matthew H. Flynn
Patricia A. Reardon Flynn
Edward W. Frazier
Patricia A. Frost

Brianna J. Garney
Mark S. Giancola
Benjamin P. Gitkind
David William Graham Jr.
Allison A. Gregory
Cara M. Griffin
Eileen Norann Gunn
Holly A. Haines
Konstantinos Ioannis Halkiadakis
Andreas C. Herdt
Rachel F. Horr
Serge H. Julien
Emmanuel Kamto Kodjou
Patrick W. Kerrigan
Ermal Kroi
Andrew S. Kupec
Jessica E. LaFrance
Erjada Lapi
Thomas William Lawton
Patrick I. Leonard
Nicholas C. Lepore
Justin A. Litwin
Christopher Nicholas Maeda
Garrett Michael Mahoney
Deborah A. Manning
Tomasz M. Marczak
Megan A. Marszalek
Tara Lynn McMahan
Neha Meheta
Paul T. Melanson

Robert Calvin Moody
Jordan E. Mulhern
Krista Lynn Nichols
Na-Bhattara Ongwaranon
Arianna J. Ouellette
Janine L. Perro
Anthony J. Perry
Sole E. Phanor
Roupnel Reinaldo Pierre
Christopher C. Pilla
Angela M. Razzano
Eduardo J. Rivas Rosales
Paul R. Robichaud
David Colin Roche
Danielle Saari
Claudia A. Sater
Ankita Shah
Benjamin C. Sigler
Kaitlin Leary Sullivan
Kevin D. Sullivan
Anton L. Sweeney
Adelajda Tego
Christopher Petar Trajkovski
Marco M. Tropeano
Patrick J. Tyler
Samuel Wangombe
Jonathan M. Weaver
Brittany M. Wong
Tiffany L. Wopschall
Kaikai Xu

CERTIFICATES OF ADVANCED GRADUATE STUDY

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Lorena Fernandes Oliveira
Opoku Koranteng
Na-Bhattara Ongwaranon

SCHOOL COUNSELING

Jessica M. Coleman

SCHOOL COUNSELING: RESILIENCY

Jennifer E. Baublitz
Patricia A. Ciampi
Matthew A. Silva

SCHOOL COUNSELING: SCHOOL ADJUSTMENT

Kathleen B. Colleton
Meghan Geppner Drewniak
Taryn E. Holman
Sarah Taglienti McKeever
Jamie L. Nikopoulos
Lauren Marie Vulcano

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Colleen E. Boria
Andrea L. Cook
Elizabeth R. Driscoll
Andrea Emma Hurley
Megan J. Kasala-Hallinan
Jill R. Lefebvre
Stephanie L. Montecalvo
Colleen A. O'Shea
Miluzka Andrea Palma
Abbie V. Russo
Nico L. Scavone



The Assumption College Mace

The Assumption College mace, and its role at the front of the academic procession, symbolizes the shared goals of the academic institution. In medieval times, the mace was recognized as a symbol of authority, and in the context of an academic community, it has often signified teaching authority.

At Assumption College, education promotes self-discovery, but the true discovery of self must first take into account one's own nature and purpose. The symbolism of the mace reflects the simple but essential elements that make for a full and responsible consideration of self, within the broader context in which there can be a full blossoming of the individual.

An education at Assumption nurtures the growth of several key virtues. These include: the Intellectual Virtues, which guide students to the truth; the Moral Virtues (prudence, justice, fortitude and moderation) which enable a person to lead a good life; and, most important of all, the Theological Virtues (faith, hope and charity), which lead the Christian to ultimate happiness. The Latin lettering on the three bands of the sterling node states the thrust of these essential virtues: *Intelligentia Adducitur Veritatem; Voluntas Adducitur Bonum; Cor Adducitur Amorem*. The staff of the mace could be considered a *lignum vitae* (tree of life), from which the virtues spring. The three upper branches of ebony and gold represent the virtues and their impact upon everyone at the College, symbolized by the multifaceted fluorite stone.

At Assumption, it is the community's shared vision that fosters a full flowering of the individual. The three blossoms of gold from the blue fluorite represent the individual coming to full maturity in Christ, in accord with the College's motto: "Until Christ be formed in you."

The Assumption College Mace was conceived, designed, created and given as a gift to the College by Paul A. Cavanagh of Greenville, Rhode Island.

Academic Regalia

The academic garb worn at today's ceremony takes its inspiration from the 12th and 13th centuries when most students and teachers were clerics and had taken at least minor holy orders. The assignment of colors to certain faculties, a much later development, was standardized in the United States in the late 19th century. White was assigned to arts and letters; red, a traditional color of the Church, was assigned to theology; green, for herbs, went to medicine; purple, the color of emperors, went to law; and golden yellow, standing for wealth and alchemy, went to the sciences. Because philosophy means the love and pursuit of wisdom, in the case of the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.), dark blue represents the mastery of the discipline of learning and scholarship in any field for which the degree is conferred rather than in the discipline of philosophy alone.

Gowns vary by degree. The bachelor's gown has pointed sleeves and the master's gown has oblong sleeves, the rear of which are cut square and the front of which are cut in arcs. Both the bachelor's and master's gowns are untrimmed. The doctor's gown has bell-shaped sleeves and is faced down the front with black velvet. Three bars of velvet cross each sleeve. Often the bars are black, but they may also be in the color distinctive to the discipline in which the degree has been conferred.

In all cases, the exterior of the academic hood is black, and the interior is lined with the official color or colors of the institution that conferred the degree, in Assumption's case, blue. The bachelor's hood is three feet in length; the master's is three and one-half feet; and the doctor's is four feet. The doctor's hood alone has panels at the sides. The edges of the hoods are velvet, and are two inches, three inches and five inches for the bachelor's, master's and doctor's degrees, respectively. The color of this trim is indicative of the subject to which the degree pertains.

The mortar board cap may be made of soft or hard material and, as its name suggests, symbolizes the role of learning in building individual and shared futures. The tassel is either black or the color appropriate to the subject, with the exception of the doctor's tassel, which may be gold.

For all academic purposes, including trimmings of doctors' gowns, edging of hoods and tassels of caps, the colors associated with different disciplines are as follows:

Agriculture	maize
Arts, Letters and Humanities	white
Commerce, Accountancy and Business	drab
Economics	copper
Education.....	light blue
Fine Arts	brown
Law.....	purple
Library Science.....	lemon
Medicine.....	green
Music.....	pink
Oratory	silver gray
Philosophy	dark blue
Physical Education.....	sage green
Science	golden
Theology	scarlet

The above text is adapted from *American University and Colleges*, 16th ed. (New York, 2001), pp. 1859-61.

Assumption College Alma Mater

Lyrics: Beverly Shaw Johnson (1985) Melody: *Christe sanctorum* (Antiphone, Paris, 1681)



1. Pledge we our loy-al-ty to As-sump-tion Col-lege
2. Our hearts will al-ways be with As-sump-tion Col-lege



Whose de-di-ca-tion in pur-suit of know-ledge
Her ban-ners wa-ving with out-stand-ing cou-ra-ge



With-stands the test of time, aids us in our on-ward climb
Call for fi-de-li-ty and protect a spi-rit free



In search of truth and light.
Long live the blue and white!

*Written upon the occasion of the 80th Anniversary
of the founding of Assumption College.*